

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview of March 7, 2006. During the interview, agreement was reached that the Blacker reference failed to show a baffle defining an air flow path having portions parallel to one another through the interior of the hollow body. The Examiner agreed that if claim 12 was amended to recite that the “baffle is a barrier” defining parallel air flow paths, the amendment would be sufficient to clarify the claimed invention.

The Office Action mailed December 2, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 12 and 15-22 are currently pending, of which all stand rejected. By this amendment claims 12, 15, 21 and 22 have been amended. Claim 12 has been amended to more clearly define the invention and to distinguish over the cited prior art reference of record by specifying that the “baffle is barrier.” Additionally, claims 15, 21 and 22 have been amended for grammatical purposes to more clearly define the invention. No new matter has been added. Support for the newly amended claims may be found at least in Figure 2 and throughout the specification.

Entry of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested because entry places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending objections and rejections in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection, First Paragraph

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the claims “contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.” Although Applicants disagree with this assertion, in order to expedite prosecution of the pending application and without acquiescing to the Examiner’s rejection, Applicants have amended claim 12 by specifying that the “baffle is

a barrier” and deleting the phrase “the baffle is substantially stationary within the hollow body.” Support for this amendment may be found at least in Figure 2, which clearly depicts baffle 42 as a barrier.

In view of the above amendment, the Examiner’s rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §§ 102/103 Rejections

Claims 12 and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under § 103(a) as being unpatentable by the Blacker reference. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

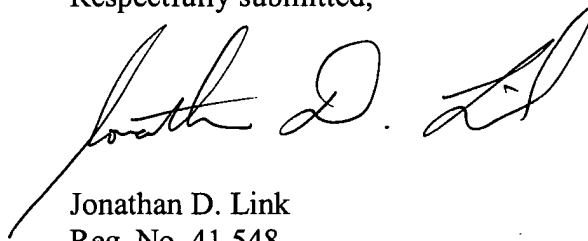
During the Examiner interview of March 7, 2006, it was agreed that the prior art did not show a baffle defining an air flow path having portions parallel to one another through. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 12 and 15-22 under §§ 102(b) and 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this Amendment the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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